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The above-identified U.S. patent application corresponds to European Appl. No. 04 002483.8. A Search Report issued on May 13, 2004 in connection with the European application and a copy is attached. The Examiner will note that the European Searcher identified four references as being relevant. Each of the references was identified as a Category A document, and hence was considered to relate merely to the technological background of the invention. The Annex to the Search Report indicates that both of the cited European references have U.S. equivalents. The U.S. equivalent of EP 0913887 was cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed with this application.

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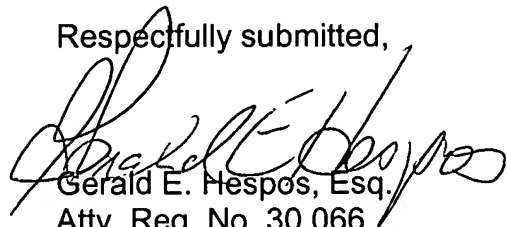
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The Examiner is requested to consider these references during the examination and to make the references of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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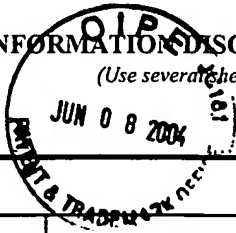
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